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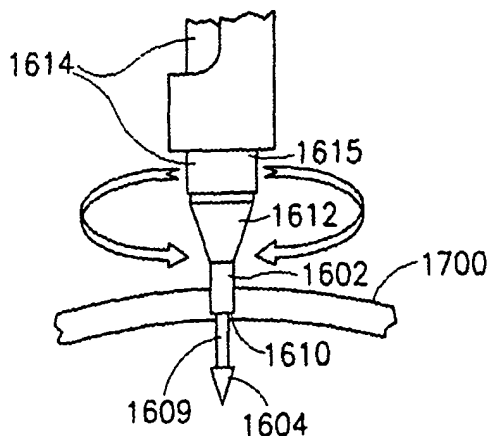
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retracts after the tip is inserted through a blood vessel wall (1700), a
penetration head (1604) that passes through the wall and a base (1602)
that does not pass through the wall. A cutting tip is provided on the base,
to cut the vessel wall. Once the cutting is complete, the penetration head
is retracted relative to the blood vessel thus removing a plug cut from a
vessel.

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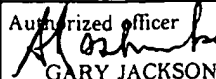
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